Committee: Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid

Meeting Date: September 22, 1997

Presiding: Hoekstra

Recording: Gustafson, Acting Secretary

Actions of Meeting
1. Minutes from 8/25/97 approved.

2. Update of Scholarship Directory: Being out of town, Rose Mary Stelma sent a packet of information in lieu of attendance, which included an annual report for the committee's perusal and an invitation to revisit the Financial Aid Office, along with a statement that the diskette containing the scholarship info for electronic copy is missing. Gerry Clayton suggested we ask the Fin. Aid Office whether they need a supportive letter from the Vice Chancellor to all departments requesting updates on scholarship information within each department.

3. Possible questions for submission to the Committee on Committees regarding the charge of the Committee on Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid:

   a. In re: responsibility #1. Where and when does our committee have authority to establish policy guidelines'? To whom do policy guidelines apply and how are they enforced?

   b. In re: responsibility #2. If our only role in granting scholarships applies to the four named scholarships we vote on towards the end of each school year, do we need such a large committee to grant $700.00 in scholarship monies?

   c. In re: responsibility #3. If we do not administer most scholarship funds or follow up on the oversight of distribution of funds, why do we keep this information here in our offices, especially since Financial Aid is already working on making it available on-line? What is our committee's role in the gathering and making available of current information, since we have no vehicle for doing so?

   d. In re: responsibility #4. We would like to request more specific criteria for decision-making in cases of athletic and academic scholarship appeals. What recourse do we have in making appropriate and valid decisions if no member of the Financial Aid Office is present during appeals hearings?

   e. In re: responsibility #5. In view of highly technical reviews of the Financial Aid Office by federal and state authorities, What does our oversight of the Financial Aid Office entail. i.e., what real oversight is left'?

4. There was additional discussion of dates for listening to appeals, and some talk of the appropriateness/timeliness of appeals. It was suggested that we might request Mike Hamrick to speak to us about the terms of athletic scholarships and appeals. We also need both federal guidelines and NCAA guidelines for granting athletic scholarships so that we are aware of the legal
parameters involved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 1997, 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Gustafson
Vice Chair